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SUBJECT: KOREAN PRESS REPORTS PAK TONG-SON'S INDICTMENT
1. AFTERNOON PAPERS SEPTEMBER 7 ALL CARRY BRIEF FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES REPORTING THAT ATTORNEY-GENERAL BELL MADE PUBLIC SEPTEMBER 6 IN WASHINGTON A 36-COUNT INDICTMENT OF PAK TONG-SON. WIRE SERVICE STORIES IN FOUR OF FIVE MAJOR SEOUL AFTERNOON DAILIES PROVIDE LITTLE DETAIL AS TO CHARGES; SEOUL SINMUN, FOR EXAMPLE, CITES ONLY "CONSPIRACY TO BRIBE" AND "POSTAL FRAUD."
2. MOST DETAILED STORY (ABOUT ELEVEN COLUMN INCHES) APPEARED ON FRONT PAGE OF PROVINCIAL EDITION OF TONGA ILBO, FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, YI UNG-HUI. STORY RELATES THAT GRAND JURY SAID PAK TONG-SON'S CHIEF GOALS WERE TO INCREASE U.S. MILITARY AID TO ROK, OPPOSE REDUCTION OF U.S. TROOPS IN ROK, AND INCREASE SALES OF U.S. RICE TO ROK. ARTICLE ALSO CITES NAMES OF FIFTEEN PRESENT OR FORMER REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS TO WHOM PAK MADE
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DONATIONS BY PERSONAL CHECK IN 1970 ELECTIONS (MOSTLY IN AMOUNT OF $500 OR $1,000). INTERESTINGLY, THIS STORY COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED FROM SECOND EDITION OF SEPTEMBER 7 TONGA ILBO (THE ONE DISTRIBUTED IN SEOUL AREA). USIS SAYS THIS "USUALLY INDICATES THEY GOT A PHONE CALL."
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